

Amendment
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Remarks:

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 5-8 and the Examiner's time to conduct a telephone interview. In the interview, the Examiner said that claim 1 was not allowable, because the forceps in Figure 1 of Dunn could be said to operate within a single plane that is perpendicular to the page and extends through the bolts 32. It was discussed that, if the plane of operation were defined to be a plane that extended through the gripping portions of the forceps, it would distinguish from Dunn, which would then be understood to have two different planes of operation for the two pairs of forceps. Claim 1 has been amended accordingly.

Claim 9 has been amended to make it clear that the inner legs lie between the outer legs, which again distinguishes the claimed invention from Dunn.

Since all the claims in the present application recite an invention that is both novel and unobvious in view of the prior art, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims currently pending. If there are any remaining issues that need to be resolved before an allowance can be issued, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a phone call from the Examiner in order to expedite their resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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